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Houston Texas August 2 1911

Dr W S Lockhart

Colorado Street

Colorado Street Colorado

Dear Dr Lockhart:-

I was glad to get your letter today enclosing the one from Dean Kirk and to know that the matter of the tuition fee had been satisfactorily arranged. However, there seems to be a difference of opinion as to to who is to pay the tuition.

I am sure that in the very beginning I said that I would not let the Church or Endeavor Society do this for me, and I though you so understood it. I would a great deal rather pay this myself and feel independent and let the Endeavor Society use the money for a more worthy object. I will get in touch with Mr Ellwood and tell him to please let the whole matter rest, although I appreciate very much their kind offer.

I wish to thank you personally for your interest and kindness in this matter, but can not think of accepting the \$60.00 under any circumstances, although as I say I appreciate the offer very much.

I have not as yet heard about my grades, but as soon as I do will let you hear from me.

Again thanking you and hoping that you are both enjoying good health and with best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely

Houston Texas August 16 1911

Mr Perry L Page

Young Men's Christian Association

Waco Texas

My dear Perry:-

Your letter to mother came today, as did also one from Basil, and we immediately forwarded your clothes to you via. Wells Fargo Express Company. In the rush incident to getting the suitcase off we overlooked your black coat and left it out but mailed it to you immediately to the same address. The old shoes were not worth sending. Enclosed in a candy box I think you will find a watch that Oscar and I had gotten for your birthday - only you left too soon. Hope it will be of some service to you.

Mother and I have our plans pretty well in hand and I am still planning on leaving here shortly after the first of the month. We have rented three rooms of the house to Mr Douglass, new Business Secretary at the Association, a man of about 40 years of age, who will bring his family here about the first. Mother will keep the other two rooms and will get more than enough out of the other three rooms to pay the entire rent of the house. Mr and Mrs Douglass are both mighty fine people and are just the kind of folks to keep mother good company. She says it will not take much in addition to the rent for her to live on and with what I am able to send and a little that she can make by sewing she will get along nicely financially. She says that you need not worry about having to help her - we'll make it some how.

I realize only too well that you have never taken very kindly to the advice and suggestions that I have given from time to time in the past, and yet in

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Des Moines, Iowa August 17, 1911.

Mr. Kirby Page,

Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Page:

I learn from Mr. Manger at Silver Bay, that you were corresponding with the office at Drake University in regard to work with them. I write to inquire if you have secured this work or if you are still desiring a situation. If so, please indicate how many hours a day you would be able to work and what remuneration you would require.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Fellingham
General Secretary.

Houston Texas August 22 1911

Mr J H Fellingham General Secretary
Young Men's Christian Association
Des Moines Iowa

Dear Mr Fellingham:-

Owing to the fact that your letter of the 17th inst. was not addressed to me in care of the Association here, I did not receive it until today.

In order to better equip myself for a greater usefulness in Association service, it is my purpose to enter Drake University this next month for a four year's course. On account of the fact that my mother has been dependent upon me, I have been unable to save very much and thus it will be necessary for me to meet all of my expenses while in school; consequently, it will be necessary for me to work several hours a day.

I have had some correspondence with the officers of Drake University in regard to the matter of employment during the school term and have been assured by them that they will see to it that I am able to meet all of my expenses. However, I have made no definite arrangement as yet and would be glad to have you make me a proposition, if you care to do so.

I expect to be in Des Moines not later than the 10th of September (I could come on the 1st if necessary) and will call on you immediately upon my arrival, when we can talk things over together more in detail.

Sincerely yours

Kirby Page

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August 28 1911

Mr Wyllys Taylor

Hotel Avon

New York City

My dear Wyllys:-

We shall be so glad to see you all here again and I want to wish you a pleasant voyage. These have no doubt been days of heart searching and important decisions. It occurred to me that there might be quiet hours for meditations when you will want to get away alone on the ship and that perhaps the following questions and scripture references might be helpful to you in these quiet hours. Let us sit down and read them carefully with the open Bible before us.

MY CHRISTIAN LIFE

- 1 Has prayer been to me more a duty than a privilege?
- 2 Has my prayer life been powerless because of some besetting sin?
- 3 Do I keep and conscientiously use a prayer list or cycle?
- 4 Have I given Christian work the prominence which Christ clearly intended it should have when he said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" - Matt 6:33
- 5 Has my work been carried on in the energy of the flesh, and not in the power of the Holy Spirit? Zech 4:6
- 6 What motives have actuated me in my work?
I Sam. 16:7 - John 8:29
- 7 Have I studied the Bible to find out what God expects me to be and to do as a worker? II Tim. 3:16-17
- 8 Have I spent as much time seeking counsel from God regarding my work as from man? James 1:5
- 9 Have I been in the habit of praying both before engaging
i in my work and after completing it? Luke 6:12

With best wishes and hoping that you will soon be with us ready to help in the extension of the kingdom among the men and boys of Houston, I am

Cordially yours

September 1 1911

Mr Carl Pray

c/o Royal Union Mutual Life Insurance Co

Des Moines Iowa

Dear Friend:-

It will soon be three years since I arrived in Texas. I can get away, but I am perfectly satisfied to stay here. My wife and children will join me here this fall and our home for the next few years will be here in Houston, Texas.

Since I have been in Houston I have made many friends and acquaintances, one of whom will call on you in the next few days. When I learned that he was going to Des Moines I urged him to call on you as I wanted him to meet you. I have known Mr Kirby Page ever since I have been in Houston. He has been doing the work usually assigned to Business Secretaries in the Young Men's Christian Associations here in the city and he intends to take up a four year's course of work in Drake at Des Moines, Iowa. A great portion of the time he will be obliged to earn his way through school. He is a stenographer - I do not mean a student. He understands this business thoroughly and expects to pick up what work he can at it on the side to help make his expenses while in college. When he calls on you he will tell you all about myself.

Anything you can do for the young man by way of employment or by way of recommendation for me, as well as for him, will be greatly appreciated by me.

Your friend

Porter Donley

September 1 1911

Dr F J Will

c/o Bankers Life Insurance Company

Des Moines Iowa

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Porter Donley

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Mr Homer A Miller

Des Moines Iowa

Dear Sir:-

A friend of mine, Mr Kirby Page, of this city, will enter Drake University this fall and contemplates a four year's course. For the last three years I have been personally acquainted with him and he has been doing the work of Business Secretary here in the Houston Young Men's Christian Association and his college work will train him for this profession.

When I learned that he was coming to Des Moines I of course wanted him to meet some of my old acquaintances and recommended that he call on you. He is a clean young fellow and I know you will be pleased to meet him and he will tell you how I am getting along.

Your friend

Porter Dorly



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P.O. DRAWER M.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, September 7, 1911.
6 pm.

Sweetheart:

Thus I end my first days work since you have gone, and thus I expect to end many more. I shall go home and sleep tonight, and I need it. I have had very much work today but I don't mind that. What I am working for is the mon. I am going to get it too, before many more months. If I don't I will work my fingernails off trying.

Hope you have found things all right up there and made many friends already. Of course, I know you have not had much time to make any arrangements to speak of as yet, but am sure that end will come out all right.

God keep you safe, my love,
All through the night;
Rest close in His encircled arms
Until the light.
My heart is with you as I kneel to pray,
Good night ! God keep you in His care alway.
--Mary Higan

Handwritten signature: Alma

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September 7 1911

Mr Kirby Page

Y M C A

Des Moines Iowa

My dear friend Page:-

Allow me the privilege of meeting you in Des Moines for the first time in order that my few words in this letter may be the part of the environments of which you will be thrown in the midst for the next few weeks.

I believe I am right in the assertion that there is not a member of our force but what admires ^{you for} the step you are taking to better prepare yourself for a great work in the future. Personally I know it requires a great deal of nerve for you to leave Houston in your present circumstances, namely,- the folks at your own home and the little girl in the Heights to whom you are greatly indebted for her influence which has been thrown about you that has helped you materially in growing into a more mature life of usefulness.

You have my heart's sympathy especially for the next few weeks while becoming acquainted with the many strange people with whom you will be thrown in contact and with the ways of Des Moines that are much different to those of Houston. The first year I went to college I was a total stranger, having only met one of the students and the president of the college one time each and then a little later in life I had another crisis to meet similar to your own of which you are no doubt in deep study at this time.

Kirby I am taking the liberty to write at this time only with one motive in view and that is that I might be able through my feeble efforts to be of some help to you as a brother and fellow-secretary, therefore I want to pledge myself to do anything that might be of any assistance to you or the folks here in Houston and hope that you will feel free to call me at any time the opportunity may be afforded for my service.

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I assure you that we will all be glad at any time to be favored by a letter and wish you God-speed in your undertakings. Wishing you the best of success in the plans laid before you, I am

Lovingly yours

C. A. Michael

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Houston, Texas, Sept. 8, 1911.
6 pm.

J. B. F. A.
h. i.

Sweetheart:

Thus I end the second day. I am feeling much better today than I was yesterday, having gotten a good nights sleep, I also had my milk for breakfast. I haven't as yet had time to realize that you have gone, That is, I haven't had time to realize fully what it will mean to me. I do-o-o wish I could have gone with you.

The Boss came in this evening and told me that Mrs. W. was very despondent and balling because she thought she couldn't do the work and was afraid she would have to quit(all of which was hot air and makes me sick) and he wanted me to promise him to try and cheer her up, and of course I had to say I would, and when I give my word, well, it is my word. Now, say I am not a philanthropist ! Well, she came in and was about to cry because she had so much to do, which was not any more than I had, but she said she had no idea of quitting, told him that ! Gee-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-e. But I wish I had my boy at home, Just to tell my troubles to. No I don't either, I want you to stay and study, and you want to stay,. Don't you ? Sure you do. Now tell me good night and I will say good bye, until next time. Don't forget to be cheerful. Just smile and the others will smile at you. Yours, *Alma*



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Houston, Texas, September 9, 1911.

My dear boy:

And the morning and the evening were the third day .
And dear, tomorrow is Sunday and I shall miss you then. No
one knows just how much I miss you, not even mother, because
you see I must not let others see me only when I smile. God
never meant his creatures to carry their troubles around in
their sleeve, and I smile and smile until I really think it
is what I want to do. Tomorrow, I shall go to Sunday School
and then I may go to see Maggie and Tom and then, -I do not
know what I will do then. And dear, I want you to smile
harder than ever now, because you owe it to yourself. You
can't do half as good work when you are in a bad humor, and
you certainly cannot stay in a good humor when you are mel-
ancholy and blue and etc.,..... I shall not write tomorrow
because I will have no way to mail a letter, nevertheless,
dear I will think of you all the same.

"The world is so full of a number of things, I am
sure we should all be as happy as kings." Dear, just think
that I am happy in my lot, and try to be the same. Well,
I must stop and go home and get some rest. Today has not been
hard, but Monday will probably be very hard. With lots
of love, I am,

Yours,

Alma

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Pasadena, Cal. _____ 191—

it will be worth \$2,500.00 to \$4,000.00 by then—
at any rate it is ours; no more moving or running
around and instead of paying rent it will all
be saved. Besides the property will increase in value.
We are in Altadena, just one block outside the
City limits of Pasadena, and 4 blocks from Caline.
There has been much talk of another car line up
to Devil's Gate. If this comes it will be one block
from our place. Sure to come in time, too.
We have no City taxes and have the conveniences
are west of car line, about half a mile from
Devil's Gate. Have a Church half a block from
us and school is one block. Blacksmith shop
and Grocery also one half block from us. I
think I told you our place is covered with full
grown fruit trees, cut out two for the house-rooms.
The County Boulevard roadway is just between our home
and the office, we will live on a court running
off the County Road, some 200 feet from it. Far
enough to avoid dust and noise, still convenient.
I have just taken out \$2,000.00 life
insurance. Passed easily and Doctor pronounced
me sound throughout. Much better than average.
Said he could always tell a fellow who had been clean
and never dissipated or gone to the bad. I am real
proud of my body after his remarks.

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Pasadena, Cal. _____ 191_____

And how are things in the campus? We shall be glad to hear from you, any old time. I believe you will like it and make lots of good friends for life. Now's your chance. Sister wrote us that the C.B.'s would give you and Miss Allison a book ride. How is she, and will you see much of each other while there? I shall write home regularly and I think Norma intends writing Alma in a few days. We shall pray for your success and you have our thoughts and best wishes at all times. Zelma and Paul Sargeant of Houston spent Monday with us. He is out here to stay, formerly was in Commercial Bank at Houston.

I received your present and want to say that I am delighted with it. You have good taste and I like the color fine. I am still wearing the ones you sent Christmas. Good to. Thank you for the thought and remembrance.

Now have a good time, learn all you can, and get all the good you can from everything. Now are you down for college sports?

Norma sends love and best greetings. Good luck to you and don't forget us. Lovingly.

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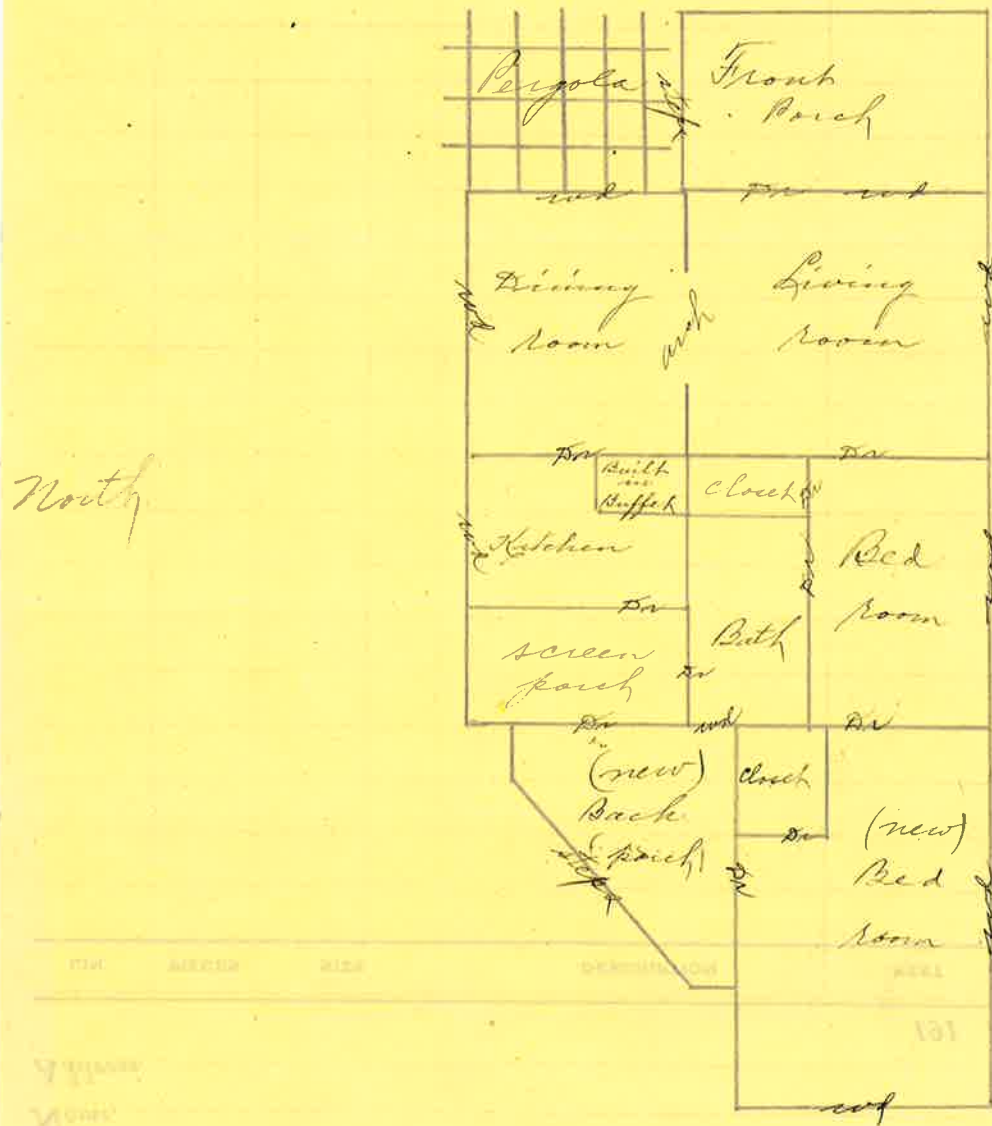
Baltimore, Md.

For this month we are living at a house one block from office. Former Bookkeeper here has family at Beach and we take care of 100 chickens and the place. Rent is free and eggs we use also. It is a fine two story house, elegantly furnished, just across street from school house. They have a fine Cabinet, Graphophone and 700 records so we have good music. Will have our Sunday School classes out, besides other company.

Mrs. Baird calls us her adopted children and is quite nice to us. We were there one night while moving. She asks about you frequently. She is coming to spend day and night with us again.

"Adios"

Each



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Mr Kirby Page

c/o Y M C A

Des Moines Iowa

My dear Kirby:-

Mr Brasted is here and has kindly offered to write to a couple of friends of his in Des Moines and I am enclosing with this, his letters of introduction. They are ~~Mr~~ *Mr* F Witter, Vice President of Commercial Savings Bank, and Hon John L Bleakly, Auditor of State ^{at the State} House. They are warm personal friends of Mr Brasted's. Mr Witter has long been identified with ~~the~~ Association work and he is a member of the Christian Church. Mr Bleakly has been for many years ~~been~~ an active member of the Methodist Church. I am sure they will be glad to do anything for you in their power.

We all miss you very much here. Everything is going about as usual and I will write you more later. All sends love.

Cordially yours

Enclosures

Call on these men
as soon as possible
am writing in haste
a train with Godfrey for Cameron for over
Sunday.

Godfrey; Lee & all back off with love. You

Young Men's Christian Association

CORRESPONDENCE TABLE

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept 9 1911

Dear Mother:-

Arrived here at 8:00 this morning feeling all OK. Came direct to YMCW where I had a good bath and changed clothes. Met Mr Fellingham, General Secy here, and had a nice talk with him. Went out to the University and met Dr Bell, the President. Dean Kirk is out of town and I won't be able to see him until Monday. He is the man I am looking to for assistance in finding work.

Young Men's Christian Association

CORRESPONDENCE TABLE

Des Moines, Iowa, 191

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As soon as I see him and see what he is going to do. I'll be in shape to talk to ymca about work. Have no doubt whatever but that I'll land something soon.

Have secured a room for a week until I get settled down for \$2⁰⁰. Think I'll have ^{no} difficulty in getting room & board for \$20⁰⁰ per month. Like the looks of things here very much and will soon feel at home.

Young Men's Christian Association

CORRESPONDENCE TABLE

Des Moines, Iowa, 191.....

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Had a very pleasant time with
Olm in Kansas City last night. Went
out to dinner with him after
enjoying several games of handball.

I sincerely hope you have
regained your good spirits and
that you are feeling much
better every way.

Tell Perry I'll try &
write him soon.

With love

Kirby.



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Houston, Texas, Sept. 11, 1911.

And thus endeth the - - fifth day. The fourth was ended very differently, though. I was real, real lonesome. I went to Sunday School and from there I went to spend the day with Tom and Maggie. They are fixed up quite nicely, and they had so, so many presents. Nearly everything they had was given to them. I could not stand it very long, so I got home something after four.....

I did not go to Endeavor. Elsie did not get home from visiting soon enough, and mother would not let me go,. I don't think she would have let me go anyway, even if Elsie had been home in time. Nevertheless, I am going next Sunday, everything considered. (the weather). I am not going to spend another Sunday alone for a while. Miss Anna Rou will be in the Heights just a block from me next Sunday and she will go anyway, and I can go with her. See?...

Had a letter from Foster Loggins the other day. He is in Austin going to business college. Annie turned him down, and he is following MY advice by going to school. Have just written to Annie this evening telling her that I could not go to school this year. Haven't had such a hard day, it has been much easier than I thought it would.

Hope you have gotten started off by now and been SIZED up by the Gen Secy. Also hope he was able to do something for you in the line of work. Hope you have made a lots of friends up there, but I know you will, if you just will only keep on smiling. Wyatt told me that Vick said things was all dead without you down here. Said the Y.M. didn't seem like itself. Even the twins said they missed you. They were looking for you Saturday, but found that you had gone. Be good, dear, and well, just be your natural self, except that you must realize there are others besides the Inimiable "I". Just remember what I tell you, and you will be all right.

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HILL McCLELLAND BELL
PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY.

DES MOINES, IOWA.

September 11, 1911.

Mr. Kirby Page,

University Place Station,

Des Moines, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Page:-

If you can come over to the University to-morrow morning, I should be glad to talk with you.

Very truly yours,

Hill McClelland Bell
Dec 11

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9/11/11

Dear old Perry:-

I am here very much on the job now. Felt mighty lonesome first night or two but am much better now.

Walked up 427 steps by actual count to the top of the State Capitol here today. Some view from up there.

The Des Moines River is muddier than Buffalo Bayou, if that is possible. Some street car service here. Kansas City has dark red cars.

Drake University buildings and grounds are mighty pretty. Know I will enjoy myself.

Hope you have secured situation and are feeling better. Write me all the news soon.

With love

Kirby

Be kind to mother

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Houston, Texas, September 12, 1911

My baby Boy;

Hello, to you this evening. Hope you are still feeling fine and have gotten all the jobs you can handle, etc. etc..... Received your letter saying you had arrived O.K. also the one from Dallas and the card.

Not a bit of news to report today. just the same old thing, hot as ever and I am just simply melting. (?) Did I tell you yesterday that Jim and I have promised to console each other? You see his girl is in ~~Angxxx~~ Georgia and he will not see her until June. Wish he was in earnest sometimes. I might take him up. Have work and work to do now, it is now six p m and I haven't put up my letters yet, got a late start today, on Mr. Isbells and had to write one or two for J.D. this morn. Nellie left early this evening, and I am glorying in my reign of quiet. She gets on my nerves. Always wanting to know how much work I have and looking in my book, and every time I get up, no matter what for, she wants to know if I have finished. She asks it about seven times every evening, let alone the seven times seventy other questions she always puts in, therefore everything is nice and quiet this evening.

I am not going to write to you every day, but will do so
for a while until you get started off and I also get started
a little better. Write to me and tell me all about up
there and the people you meet and what you do, etc. etc.....
Write a long letter, (and if there is any postage due the Co.
can pay it.) write about six or eight pages, just for once,
because I know when you get started to school you will never
get a chance to write a long letter.

Be good and remember,

Your girlie,

Alma

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Mr. Kirby Page

9-12-11-

Dear Shouts::

Am in the
Basement to - night, changed
from Thursday so as to be
present at the supper for
Snyder, the foreign secretary.
You old Hayseed I don't
give a snap - now about seeing
you before you get away than
you did. Do you hear.
Nothing much doing here.
Lissman is going to see
my girl. He is rubbing her
stomach. Its about to break
my heart because you
know thirty my heart was
truly for that dear girl.
I never had any thought
of any other girl? Its awful

CORRESPONDENCE BUREAU

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

when a person thinks
of it. All the newly
laundered shirts & the
10¢ coffee that I spend
calling on her & to think
that, that's the way she
appreciates it. Oh my
woman woman - oh oh
what fools we mortals be
who a
now think it over.

Ha ha. I just
can't Kirby with when
the thing keeps on my
mind like it does. Oh oh oh.
I just must quit

Don welcome

Yours
Lee

I would like to share &
have seen you the company

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Tuesday Night 9/12/11

Mother of mine:-

I always did say that I was one of the luckiest fools that ever drew breath. Now what^{do} you suppose has happened to me. I have "done gone and went" and landed the very place I was hoping for, namely, I am now Secretary to the Dean of the Bible College and put in my first work towards "working myself through College" today. When I saw Dean Kirk yesterday morning he told me that he had already engaged a young lady to do his work but that he would look out for something for me. Now it seems that soon after that this aforesaid young lady suddenly

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decides that she don't want the job, so they put it up to me. Of course, I don't expect to get rich out of it but it with what other work I will be able to get will keep me nicely. The best part about it is that it will get me in touch with the situation here in a way that would not be possible under any other circumstances. Dean Kirk is a mighty fine man and I know I shall get along with him splendidly and have no doubt he will be of great help to me. Aren't you glad? I am to begin some temporary work lasting possibly a week with the City Association in the morning. Hope to get ten or twelve dollars out of it.

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I forgot to mention that I am to get thirty cents an hour for the time I put in with Dean Kirk, which is more than I had expected to get.

I engaged a room at another place today. It is in a new modern home with members of the Christian Church. Bath, hot and cold water and room heated by furnace, gas lights and only one block from University for 4.00 a month not week. I am to pick my own room mate. I will get my meals at a different place. Haven't decided just where yet. Business is picking up with me and I only hope you and Perry are not having too hard a time. Please write me particulars. your Kirby

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Des Moines, Iowa

September 14 1911

Mother dear:-

Still the good work goes on with me. The pastor of the Central Christian Church, not the University Place Church, a man whom I had never even met, called ^{up} me today and told me that he wanted to see me, and when I went to his study he made me a proposition to take charge of the Boys' Club and gymnasium work they have in connection with the church for two nights a week, for which they would give me a free scholarship in Drake University, which in figuring it out in dollars and cents would pay me 37 1-2 cents per hour for all time put in. This is not at all bad and the work in itself would be somewhat of an education. However, I have not accepted it as yet. He said he would give me a day or two to think about it, and I want to look over the field thoroughly before I decide on anything definite. Think I will accept it however.

Have been working at the Association again today. There is a possibility that I may put in one night a week here with them. There is absolutely no doubt but that I will go through a flying, barring accidents, etc., and I am going to take good care of myself.

Tell Perry that a letter from him would do me a world of good. With lots of love to you both

Lovingly your boy



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Sept. 14, 1911.

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My own dear boy:

Received your second and third letters from Des M. this morning. if you had Sunday mails there you would have gotten my letter on Sunday, but guess I will hear from you again tomorrow saying you had received my first and second.

Everything is flowing along as smoothly as can be. Work is getting lighter just at present and likely to stay so for a while unless the market takes a big jump some way or other. Getting quite a lot of practice in telegraphy now and by next year I will be a cracker-jack in that too. Maybe that will help me along at school some, too. I do hope it will, because everyone is not a good steno and a good telegrapher too. I am getting a lot of practice in talking over the wire. There is a youngster at the Postal, a new one, and he talks to everyone that comes along, about anything and everything. I heard him making love to Mrs. Harding of the B.C. Rice mills the other day. She is an old married woman of about thirty five or forty. He is about seventeen, and A talker. I blessed him out the other day and he has been rather nice since. I guess I will have him trained into a saint before long. ????????

It is so warm down here that I am still melting. I melted on another pound the other day. I weigh 108 now. If I dont stop I will soon be a show of the fat lady. The kids start to school Monday and I will have to get their books tomorrow. Please note that tomorrow is the 15th and that is PAY DAY. I really hate to see it come, there will be so much this month. However, I will pull through.

I must stop and go home now, as it is after six. Be sure and dont forget to be a good boy and write and tell me about your arrangements you made, but I guess I will get that before you get this. Just remember that you are still my boy and I am still your own

baby girl

Alma



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Houston, Texas, Sept. 15, 1911.

Bye o' Mine:

I received two letters from you today, one telling me you ~~had~~ entered as a freshmen without examinations and another telling me you had the place of Secretary to the Dean. I am very, very glad things have turned out so nicely for you, but I knew they would, because just as sure as there is any work to be done anywhere, you will sure land it, but please, dear, don't try to do too much.

I am enclosing a copy of an article I wrote today for Jimmie, Sr. and I want you to read it when you get a chance. He said for me to send you a copy, not that you need it, but it may do you some good.

Be a real nice good boy and write whenever you get a chance, and I will do the same. Must quit now and go home. Have not done much today, but went to town at noon and I am just as hungry as I can be.

*Very truly,
Alma*

T O A L L I N T E R E S T E D .

Some time since, I wrote an article on the subject of the Business Doctor or Physical Business Expert.

I do not know just how the article was received because I have heard very few comments upon it. Indeed, I do not recollect that anyone who got hold of this article even noticed it so far as any expression that I have heard is concerned.

This article is written along the same line and it is headed, as you will note, TO THOSE INTERESTED. Anyone that is not interested on the situation need not read it. It is my purpose from time to time to address these articles to all employees, largely from a selfish motive, because while they will be bettering themselves if they take it to heart, at the same time the company is going to get value received and more than value received for the money paid them in salaries.

Initiative and Originality are practically the same, and yet there is some difference. Originality is born in the brain of the employee who thinks an idea. Initiative can be applied to the man of action.

Don't wait until you are thirty five years of age thinking all the time that something is going to turn up to better your condition. Start out at the beginning of your career and make up your mind that you are going to catch up and pass the procession rather than wait for it to go by you in order that you might select just what you want out of it. The man, or woman, either, who feels that life's mission is made up solely for pleasure and does not look at some of the serious sided questions of life will reach their old age lacking in prosperity. To the young man, it can be said, do not start out your days work with the thought that you are going to simply pull through it in order to enjoy yourself at some evening function. Make the evenings entertainment, if possible, more than a secondary proposition. Devote the same interest to each days occupation and only as evening approaches let your mind be bent upon the pleasure of anticipation.

Now, do the reverse of this and you will go along through your useful days, during the period when your brain is best adapted for originality and initiative, you will arrive at a stage in your career when you will look with envy on the younger generation coming on, you will look with jealousy on those of your own generation who have passed you and who are wearing good clothes as compared with your trousers that are frayed at the bottom, whose lives are physically and morally clean and healthy, who haven't any whiskey breath, whose nerves haven't been racked by the nicotine of black cigars that you smoke around the poker tables and yet these same men have just as much capacity for the enjoyment of the pleasures as you once had.

To the woman employee, bear in mind that in your department you can be just as much of an expert as a man. The Woman's mission in life is not that of man. Due to the fact that they are perhaps unfortunate in having to earn their own livelihood is no reason why they should not hold up their heads and become just as proficient in the tasks that have been allotted to them as the man. Each male employee will show courteous and respectful consideration to each woman who may be associated in business with such man.

The woman herself, should realize that her position, no matter what it may be, is just as important a link in the chain of business as that of the man. During the season's busy periods the woman's mind should be on her business just as much as a man's, and to both classes of employees it should be borne in mind that if they only performed the tasks for which they are paid, they will never be paid for any more than they do.

A homely little story right at this point may be applicable. In an office not a thousand miles from this one, there were four clerks, two men and two women. One of the men was lazy and one of the women was lazy. They looked upon the other man and the other woman as somewhat of a fool, because they were able to shove their work off on the two that in their opinion were foolish enough to be imposed upon. The salaries of the respective clerks were \$20 a week. Business became somewhat dull. The Boss of the establishment had been keeping tab on the batting averages of all these clerks and you may depend upon it that he had sized up the situation. He decided that he could get along with two clerks instead of four and therefore dropped the lazy couple, increased the salaries of the "Two Fools" to \$30 a week, which satisfied them, and he was therefore ahead \$20 a week. It is hardly necessary to ask, "Who was the fool?"

Don't think that there is absolutely nothing to do but just to perform the task that you first learned. Keep on learning new tasks. An employer don't care how much salary is paid to a clerk provided that clerk earns the dividend for the employer.

Study motion and try to save unnecessary movements of the muscles, but don't try and save any movement or motion of the brain. Think all the time of the quickest and most proficient way of performing the task. A simple thing like the folding of a letter, the gumming of an envelope, is worth study. It means when you become expert in these two little homely tasks that you save exertion.

I might go right straight on up the line and apply this same advice to the heads of departments. Let him study his own tasks as well as to carefully study the tasks of those under him. The man in the press room can put the cake into the press with two movements. Recent observation proved to me that many of the hands in the press room were using five or six movements to get this cake into the press.

If your mind isn't strong enough to originate for yourself, then watch the expert and proficient employee and imitate. After a while you will begin to form original ideas in your own mind.

I would like to ask that very serious consideration be given to the following:

A very large corporation lately put into practice a scheme that may be termed a bonus, that is to say, for every original idea that saved money, this corporation presented to the originator, 10% of such saving, and this company wishes to put in a similar practice. I cannot see each employee of the company in person to explain the plan, but it is pretty well covered by the above.

For instance, an employee of this company suggested to me that we would build a small platform just outside of the linter room, such a piece of construction that would accommodate perhaps fifty bales of linters standing on end, the platform to be on a level with the car door, and when I asked him what he proposed to save with this proposition, he said that he had noticed seven or eight men having to lift linters by sheer muscle into the car door from the ground, whereas he believed, and I think he is right, that two men would perform the same service by simply trucking the linters on the platform into the car, or if seven men were in the group, that the car would be loaded in a very much shorter period of time. Now this scheme seems to be feasible and it shows originality and I would like to have it put in practice.

I also want some scheme worked out whereby cake and meal can be loaded into the cars without the very heavy work necessary at present. These suggestions may cost some money at the outset, but I would like to have the Business Doctor of the establishment to submit such costs and figures out the saving in labor.

The suggestion of the linter plan would entitle the employee originating the idea to 10% of the saving in labor for the first season, and just off hand, I should say that he would pick up \$20

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or \$25, always, however, provided that his scheme works out.

We may go right straight through every department in the plant and there is not one single task that is now being performed that cannot be lightened by the efficiency of the man in charge of the same.

It is my purpose from time to time to continue these articles. The first one may or may not have borne fruit. The man that laughs at the suggestions and thinks they are no good had better hunt another job, because he is one of those kind that will never get paid for any more than he actually does.

When the Boss walks the floor at night fearing that his employee may die young, it means that he is apprehensive of losing him and that means he is a valuable employee.

Don't treat this article lightly. It is really worth serious consideration, and if you put the suggestions in practice, you are at least on the right track to get increased remuneration. If you not with this company, certainly with some other, and if you are going to treat the suggestions lightly, go get you something else to do, because this company don't want you and there is no place here for you.

All of these suggestions apply to everybody with us, I don't care what their salary or wages may be.

The Good Lord has given you a brain. He has given some men bigger brains than others. Some people have been in fortunate circumstances and have a better education than others, but no matter how small your plan may be, or what you are lacking in advantages, every one of you have got a mission in life.

Make the best of the situation. Originate, initiate, and if you by reason of your deficiency can't do either of these, for Heaven's sake imitate.

Sansbury is the fellow
with whom I went
out and "preached"
my first sermon

Middleton is the
son of the people
with whom I
am staying

they can sing
some



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HOUSTON, TEXAS, September 16, 1911.
4 pm.

Dear, dear boy:

The evening is nearly spent and it is time that I write you again. Tomorrow is Sunday. Do you know what that Day is? Sunday is Our day. No one knows how much I miss you, no not even mother.

I am going to Sunday school tomorrow and I may go to Endeavor, if Miss Rou has moved out. That is, if it does not rain too much. It rained today some, up town, but did not get this far.

You just ought to see me, I am getting awfully fat, I am really getting a **double** chin, and I wish you were here to rub or massarge it away for me, however, I shall have to do that myself, because you bet your sweet life I dont want any double chin at this time of my life. everyone who notices it laughs at me and I just will not stand that. You know how I hate to be laughed at. I can see you laughing now, but it is a good thing you are a long way off if you are, you can just stake your life on that.

I got your letter today saying you had worked 11 hours. I am glad you are getting work, and hope you are getting good pay for it. Now, boy dear, don't you forget to take your exercises, and work too much. You must remember that everything depends upon **you**. You **must** keep your health. What good would it do you if you had all the education and ability in the world, if when you had gotten such, you were not able to use it. No one else can do **that** for you, even if you would not want them to. Boy dear, do you see the point? It is for me that you must do this, and for your mother.

The longer on this earth we live
And weigh the various qualities of men,
The more we feel the high, stern-featured beauty
Of plain devotedness to duty.
Steadfast and still, nor paid with mortal praise,
But finding amplest recompense
For life's ungarlanded expense
In work done squarely and unwasted days.

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Alma.

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Sunday afternoon

Mother dear:-

Am here in my room now and have just returned from Church and Sunday School at the Central Church. I was given a very warm welcome and taught a class of boys in the Sunday School, which meets at 12:00 just after Church is out. I met the superintendent and a number of the workers and quite a number of the boys that I will have in the Club on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Enjoyed myself immensely and am looking forward to my work there. If you will remember, this is the Church that Brother Breeden was pastor of for 21 years. It has a membership of about 1200. Ours is the strongest denomination

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here, we having some eight or ten different churches, and University Place Christian Church is the largest single church here. My plan is to go to church and Sunday School in the morning at Central Church and go to Endeavor and Church at night at University Place church, where I have my membership, and by so doing I shall keep in touch with both situations.

It doesn't cost as much to live here as I had expected. I have an unusually fine place to room. It is with members of the Christian Church and in a new house just a block from the University. I have a front room on the second floor

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with a large closet, new wall paper and waxed hardwood floor. Have iron bed, dresser, large study table and believe me there is some class to it. Porcelain bath tub with hot and cold water and toilet about 12 feet from my room. Have been told that I was very fortunate in getting in here, and all for \$4.00 a month. I expect to pick me a roommate tomorrow or next day. He will keep me company and it will make things more agreeable. There is a sort of plate rail around the room, above which I have placed about a dozen pictures, which makes the room look home like. I am a great deal better than I had expected.

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On account of the fact that I have been running around so much since coming I have not had a regular boarding place, have had most of my meals at Ymca, but now I shall find a regular place and eat lots. I think I shall have to pay about 3.50 per week for the best, which will make my room and board 18.00 per month, and it will be good room and board at that too.

I am to get at least \$12.00 a month for my work with the Dean and may be more and \$6.00 a month from the Church and ^{all of} this will only take 16 hours work a week, which is just a little more than half the time I had planned to work. Am

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sure I will have no trouble
in picking up extra work on
the side when I want it, so
I can send you at least \$5.00
a month which ought to
help some. Had a chicken dinner
with ice cream today for 25c.

Class work opens Wednesday
and I shall enter as a full
fledged Freshman, without having
to make up any work. Have no
doubt I will be kept busy
from now on and I may not
get to write quite as often as
I have been doing.

Misses Allison came day
before yesterday and I had a nice
little talk with one of them that
did me good. She is Student
of H. C. A. Secretary here.

I like the town fine and

Corpus Christi Texas
Sept 18 1911

My Dear Kirby:-

Many thanks for your card and good letters. That last one was a stem-winder. I'll see that the whole bunch see it.

Later news via your mother and Mr Douglass tells me you are to be Private Secretary to some one, - the President or Dean. I am very glad - it is the very best thing.

Tell me about it.

Nevertheless, I hope you will use the letters I sent you from Mr Grated. They will be helpful to you and you should know those men.

We had a strenuous week last week, giving Lloyd H. Snyder our Foreign Secretary to Korea a send-off. Guess some one will

tell you about it. Hearts
 Snyder would the know
 of all. Wish you could know
 him.

Hope you will get in with
 Pullingham — & make
 appreciate a good Southern
 Secretary — a Deacon.

Take the Sunday afternoon
 time and
 address some

dress it up for the paper,
 but do not neglect your
 work as Private Secretary &

be sure & do your share in
 the College assn., — that will
 be a great experience for
 you.

With much love R. G. Cunningham

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Houston, Texas, September 18, 1911.

Keep your face always towards the light
And the shadows will fall behind you.

Boy dear:

Well here is another Monday. I went to Sunday-School, and stayed for church and then went to Endeavor, and there were quite a few that were surprised to see Miss Rou and I. However, we got there and we got back all right.

Received two letters from you today, one written on the 14th, and one written on the 15th, a big fat one, saying you had accepted the position with the C.C. I am glad things are coming your way, but I do not want you to try to do too much at once, or too much any way.

Alma Wyatts father and mother are down here, you know they came with her and Wyatt, and her father is very sick at present, and has been for a week or two. He is not expected to live. It certainly is too bad.

The Endeavor lesson was about Christ in the home and there were some good talks made. Of course, I made my spiel, like a good little girlie. My reference was Rev. 3: 20-22.

Dear, I do miss you, and I will be glad when next year comes, and I look forward to that time with much anticipation of the good times that will be ours. I also studied my Sunday school lesson Saturday night, that is, I made something of a review of things we have passed over.

I am going to try and learn all the things the teacher expects of us and Oh, I am going to do all sorts of things.

With lots of love, I am,
yours ever,

Alma

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Dear Kirby:

your card was received. I wrote you week or ten days ago. % Drake University. Did you receive it? Our house is about completed and we hope to move in by the first. It certainly looks good to us. Zelma is spending 2 weeks vacation out here now. Norma had her class of girls out for dinner last week, great time. Last Sunday the special features of the Bible School "were in honor of the faithful services of former Supt. A. Leak Page." Had a good programme, lot of nice things were said and I responded. Nothing new this time, just thought I would drop you a line to see if letter reached you. all is well and we are happier than ever. Good luck to you and hope you are fairly well established by this time. How goes it? Norma sends best wishes & remembrances. Be sure to keep your old simple faith. Don't let evolution and a lot of things disturb you. Our Pastor here is off a little. Lovingly, Leak

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Dear Mother :-

Today is the first day of my college career and it has brought me new honors. At a meeting of new students today at which there were about 200 present, my name was mentioned for nomination as President of the class, - and although two of my opponents were local men and well acquainted here and I didn't know many more than a dozen fellows in the room, when the result was announced, it stood - Page 26 votes, Dodson 26, Waters 35. After a considerable time in which nothing was accomplished, and seeing no hope of it being settled, I arose to a point of order and withdrew in favor of Dodson, we being tied. But no, some of my new found friends would

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not hear of it and after considerable
more wrangling, the meeting finally
adjourned without the matter being
settled one way or the other. I
am not going to do any "wire pulling"
and even though I lose, I expect
to do on account of the fact
that they are well acquainted here,
I will have the consolation of
knowing that I ran a good,
square race. Made a few remarks
before the assembly that seemed to
make a happy impression. Will
write you more about it later.

I like my room mate more
and more each day. He is all right!
Will have to get busy now on my
Greek. oh! oh! x x

Feeling fine and enjoying life.
Love to you both.

Yours lovingly

Kirby



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Houston, Texas, September 20, 1911

Sweetheart of mine:

Well, I am glad you have gotten such a nice room with nice people and things seem to be running pretty smoothly with you. I know you are going to get along all right, because you couldn't help but do so.

As to my not writing you every day, I do not want you to think that I don't want to write you or haven't the time, because I can always take time, but it may not be for the best to start thus. Let us start what we can keep up. Of course, we will not merely answer each others letters, as that would take too long, and is too conventional. We will merely write whenever we feel like it. Does that suit you? That is what I have been doing and that is what I am going to do in time to come. See?????????

It is still extremely warm down here, and of course, I am just simply melting. Hope the predicted cold wave will come soon. Are you having any cool weather up there as yet? Cold weather will make you feel more like enjoying life, at least it does me, and that is what we live for. To see things in a way that we will get enjoyment out of them whether or no. See the point? I don't mean be an Epicurian, just an optimist.

Remember me when you get to studying hard and wish I were there with you. Never mind, though.

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Houston, Texas, September 21, 1911.

666:

Have not heard anything from you as yet in today's mail. Guess this is the Sunday lap. Feel fine today except I am mighty **lazy**. I guess it is the warm weather. That cold wave that was headed this way got scared and faded away in the night before it got very near Houston. Houston may be a bad place, but I did not think it was as bad as that.

People are thinking very seriously of paying the Boulevard, and almost everyone seems to be in favor of it, so perhaps when you next come South, you will see a beautifully paved Boulevard on each side, with a beautiful **esplanade** between wherein the grass doth grow below the trees to make a soft and downy bed for the cows and horses. However, as it is the motorman has to stop the car every once in a while and get out and run the cows off the track. If they ever do pave the Boulevard those old cars surely will sizz along between those long blocks and can make the trip around in much less time.

Mammy received the postal you sent her and dad, but she says she is not going to answer it because she is still angry with you, or that is, "she has got it in for you" and is going to "get even" with you some time, so watch out. I told her she was just simply jealous because she would not get to read the letters first, and she said she was afraid to go into my pocket book now for anything because she was afraid she might see one of the letters, however, I leave them all at home, and if she has noticed them she has noticed about everything in them. She just simply couldn't help it if she should see them, It is Curiosity. Oh! My!

I came pretty near whipping the boy yesterday because he wanted Johnnie to answer his questions so he could write them down and teacher would say he was a good boy. I guess he was too lazy to look them up, and when I tried to

make him read where he could find them he just simply said he would not. He finally did. And this morning I fixed his watch fob for him. fixed up one with a silver (?) buckle and a little silver padlock and some red, red ribbon. It seemed to please him very much as he couldn't see anything else at all.

Do you see the Houston papers and get time to read any? but I suppose you knew about the Houston YMCA going to send a man to Korea. There was a piece in last Sunday's paper about it. Haven't seen any of the force since you left.

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WACO, TEXAS, Sept-22-1911.

Mr. Kirby Page,

Des Moines, Ia.

Dear Kirby:

I was very much pleased indeed to receive your letter and assure you that I feel proud of you. A man who has the pluck and determination you have can certainly accomplish anything he starts out to do.

I do not know whether it was luck or what it was that secured the position as secretary to the Dean for you, but whatever it was it was a mighty fine thing. Now if I felt that I could get any sort of a job that would pay my expenses and allow me any time for study, why man I'd grab my clothes and come a-flying just as soon as I pay my debts -- which will be about next July or August.

I am going to do some studying here this winter. Reese will be with me attending Baylor University and that will hold me to it steadier than I would be otherwise. I am also going to take the Gym work steadily this winter and see if I cannot make myself a little healthier than I am at present. We have a first-class boxing instructor and I have taken one lesson and like it fine. I hope to continue at least three nights a week through the winter in this physical work and the other three week nights I will put in in study. Sunday night of course I shall go to church. I should



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WACO, TEXAS,

like very much to attend prayer-meeting on Wednesday nights, but I believe that I will be doing more good by going into Gym -- for as I look at it I am only training now for a greater task when I finally finish my education. A strong body then will be worth more than prayer-meeting is now -- provided I do not allow my faith to grow weak because I miss prayer-meeting.

I cannot figure on what I will do for certain next year. I am working like a Trojan now and will continue to do so until probably the first of December. Next August I will be clear of debt and have some fifty or seventy-five dollars ahead; then I am going to figure on going to college. If I can possible see any way to do so I shall certainly go. If not, I'll just have to work and save until I get enough to carry me through, I suppose.

Write me a longer letter telling me about your studies, expenses, etc., because I'm in dead earnest about next year. If I had time would ramble along longer, but I must go to work.

Your friend,

Basie

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September 22 1911

My dear Mother:-

As per my prediction, my friend Watters finally won out as President of the Freshman class, but I feel that I made quite a wonderful record against him, when you stop and consider that he is a local man, well acquainted with the people and conditions here and is a former High School favorite, while I am nothing but a "Nobody from Texas". Indeed at the last ballot when all three of the remaining candidates were voted on I came in first with quite a good lead, but when it came to voting on the two highest candidates for a majority, he received practically all the local vote, which was quite heavy and the deciding factor, and even with that in his favor the result was only Watters 51, Page 44. As a matter of fact, I feel that I am much better off for having ran such a close race and then losing out, for it would have taken no inconsiderable amount of time and energy and would probably have kept me from my books at times when I should have been studying, and would probably have made my expenses higher in one way and another. So I feel that I have achieved a great portion of the honor that goes with the place by the closeness of the contest, without having the worry and burden of the office. Watters is a good friend of mine and fine fellow in every way, and I shall try and help him out in any way that I can. He is a teacher in the Sunday School where I have my Boys' Club and has promised to help me out with it. Some team work, eh!

After a day or two in the class room I feel that I have used good judgement in the courses that I have selected and I know that I will get untold good from this year in school. I have also found out that it will take some hard old digging, but what do I care, that is what I came up here for.

With lots of love to you both, I am

Your old boy



P S Was mighty glad to get your cheerful letter this morning, saying that you were going to sew soon. Don't work too hard.

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Houston, Texas September 23, 1911.

Boy dear, o' mine:

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Boy dear, what we do if we were heathens and had not the faith of our fathers to help us? How hard it must be for those who are not christians to be brave in their troubles, or smiling at their disappointments. Do you suppose we could do what we have done, as we have done it, as faithfully, brave and smiling, if we were not of those that **are** christians? I do not believe we could. Yes, I am really lonesome sometimes, but I am content, I miss you, but I realize that it is different from merely missing you when you dont come to me for only a week, and yet it is not mechanical living, as some things I do are, there is nothing about the feeling that is mechanical at all. I miss you, I know I shall not see you for a great while, but I am content to wait. Could we, Oh boy, could we do this alone?

I had a letter from Foster the other day. He says he is taking bookkeeping at my advice, and that he is going to do one thing thoroughly, as I said, be an expert in one thing, and not merely good in two or three things. He thinks he will try to forget Annie, but I know he will not. I know that much. Though, I am glad he is going to try to do something to make a better showing, and he is thinking of going to U. of T. again next year. I hope he will do that. He is not such a bad fellow if the is a little sentimental. I can't blame the poor fellow for writing and talking to me the way he does, because he is no worse than you are yourself.

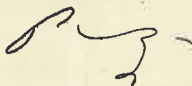
I want you to set me straight if you can, that is I want you to find out a few things from this end and let me know about the straight of things. Annie was fired from the Y.M.C.A. the other day. There is something funny about it all, I want to know why it was, Was it her work, her dress, or the way she acted. Wouldn't she flirt with them enough?

There seems to be something very strange about the whole proceedings. Find out for me. Dont mind telling me the straight of it, that is what I want to know.

We had a real comic opera again the other day. Mrs. W. Thinks she has nervous prostration. The way she acts is enough to give her something. However, the long and short of it is that Mr. D. told me he was getting tired of it and would have to do something or other soon. She will have to turn over a new leaf or quit. She boo-hoos if you look straight at her, and as for myself, she is so patronizing, so insinuating or anything else you want to call it, and everything else, that ----- Well there is no love lost between us, and to beat it all, Jimmie can see it and he knows it, and still he wants me to "talk to her" Give her a nice motherly talk". ME ! Dont I look like it. I'd rather tell her what I think of her and fire her out. I wonder if he thinks I am a Philanthropist? He sure must think I am something. However, I am trying to make him think I am just simply an angel that is too good to go to Heaven, and he even acknowledges that I do twice as much work as Mrs. W. without balling, and better too. I get a great deal of fun out of it, I just simply sit up and laugh like I was a whole audience. That is all I do now days, just laugh and work and work and laugh. I am a regular laughing stock company. I laugh at everything that comes along. If I don't start the ball to rolling, everybody just simply gets so grouchy that there is no living with them.

Work is light today, it is only three thirty now and I have finished unless I get something later on. You must have forgotten to tell me, in your letter received today, about the boys class you promised to tell about. I hope you will be elected Class president, because that will put you more to the front and give you more practice in leading. And then, I want my boy to be popular.

Be good, dear boy and I will try to do the same.

 Yours as ever,

Alma

[Handwritten notes and signatures at the bottom of the page, including "I am a laughing stock company" and "I hope you will be elected Class president"]

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September 23 1911

My dear Perry:-

Talk about your Jeffries-Johnson fight - why, that was a very tame affair compared with the free for all we had on the campus last night. The self-sufficient, conceited, foolish Sops issued a warning that all Freshmen must be off the campus by eight o'clock, or else - ? - ? - ? - . OF COURSE, under those circumstances there was nothing for us to do but to turn in with the chickens! What we did do, however, was to provide ourselves with just thirty dozen fresh eggs, that we were able to purchase for just twenty cents for the lot, and marched right up on the campus shortly before eight and sat down - to await developments. Shortly after the band concert was over we heard a rumor to the effect that the Sophs were also heavily armed with that article of commerce sometimes called "hen fruit" and by the time we were through meditating upon what the outcome might be, they rushed us and then - - ? " # \$ % & (/) / - -, well to put it very mildly there was something doing every minute, and after all of our ammunition was exhausted to a very good purpose we tackled them man to man and such a free for all scrap I never saw before in my life. For some thirty minutes we scrapped and at the end of that time it was found that in every case a Freshie was using a Soph as a cushion upon which to sit. Our victory was due in a great measure to the fact that we outnumbered them quite a little, but they hadn't ought'er made any slighting remarks about their superiors, the Freshmen. It was more fun than you could shake a stick at, everybody was in a good humor all the way through and there were no accidents of any consequence. After the fray was over, I took an inventory of myself and found that I was still altogether, except for the loss of a shoe (which I afterwards recovered), a missing cap, and a few scratches and bruises. However, I also found that in the scrimmage I had made quite a collection of various things - in fact, after investigation it was found that I looked more like an egg omelet than a human being. Gee! but I wish you could have been here with me. I know that you would have had the time of your life. At one time when I had a big husky down, he said, "Say pard, let go my arm a minute 'till I get some egg out of my mouth", which I did, and after he had wiped from his face the remains of what soon would have been a chick, he said, "Take your hold again".

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However, they got even with us in the Push Ball contest this morning. It is said that football is a lady's game as compared with this most strenuous sport. The ball itself is some six feet high and the object of the game is to push it across your opponents goal, which about seventy-eleven of them objected to quite strenuously. Even if we did get licked we had a barrel of fun out of it and had no serious harm done to our wearing apparel, as we were prepared for the occasion.

It is true that these times we have been having are somewhat rough, but they have served several good purposes and have given the students a chance to work off some of their surplus energy and have gotten us closer together than would have been possible under other circumstances.

So you can see that I am having a good time of it, even if I do have a lot of hard work and study to do, and I hope to see the day when you will tackle the proposition, old man. I am sorry that I have not received a line from you since leaving. Won't you take a minute and drop me a line, it would do me good?

Your big brudder.

Kirby

*Tell mother I am feeling
good every way.*

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Dear Mother:

The house is progressing O.K. and we hope to move in next week. There is nothing new this time. Received a good letter from Kirby who seems to be doing nicely. His pull and backing have started him ~~very~~ already and I think he will come out right. I am glad he is so well pleased and located. We dine at Mrs. Barnard's again tomorrow. Zelma returned home yesterday and we are glad. Health remaining good and we are quite happy. Weather is fine, pleasant days and cool evenings. Not a drop of rain for a long season now. Everybody well pleased, too. My work is regular and pleasant, like the place more than any before it.

Mrs. Pierce, Beeson's, and several of church people ask about you, besides Mrs. Barnard. Good luck to you and hope all is well. Hello to Perry boy.
Lovingly
Leah.

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Dear Kirby:

your nice letter received and we are glad to know you are so well located. You are to be congratulated indeed. Hope all continues favorable.

There's nothing new this time. Home is about ready and we hope to move in this week. Zelma has returned home and we are thankful. Work here is easy and all is pleasant. Health is good and we are happy as ever. No rain yet but ideal weather. Have not heard from home lately.

Be good and make the most of everything. People here are surprised a bit and glad to hear of your doings. You have our very best wishes and Norma sends love. your bud, A. Leck.



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HOUSTON, TEXAS,

Sept. 25, 1911.

My own dear boy:

My but you have been gone a long time. It seems like ages since I have seen you. But that doesn't hurt, I will see you next June.

Went to Sunday School and Endeavor, but did not see Perry. Ivy was at Endeavor and I suppose she came with Oscar and Annilee. Ylu just ought to have seen me going to endeavor. I had Elsie and Miss Rou and Johnnie, and we all came home with the headache.

Things are going along very nicely down here but office work has been rather slack until today. I suppose it will get heavy again soon. I have had some time to get up material for MY almanac. I want it to be the best ever. I wish you would look out for two or three original jokes for me. I certainly would be glad to get them. You know I am no good at making up jokes and I don't want to copy any old ones. Do please watch out for a few and I will soon need them.

I knew you would see that it was best not to write every day after work really began. You could not keep it up and then it would be a steady financial drain. You see you haven't THE COMPANY to fall back on, like I have.

Mother has threatened to quit boarding me if I don't quit eating so much. I weigh 109½ now and have all I can do to keep down the double chin.

E. J. 186-39 Almas





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Houston, Texas, SEPTEMBER 28, 1911

Sweetheart:

MY SWEETHEART. I send thee greetings of the day. This day, my birthday. I am as old as you are now. now ! I received the birthday letter and also the papers and also the Pennant, for all of which I wish you were here to receive my thanks which cant be so well expressed in a letter. However, you know how I would thank you if you were here, so please accept my thanks in this letter as you would if you were here.

I am glad to know that you have begun your work and that it is not as hard for you as you thought it would be. Just keep that idea in mind all the time. You know your work is as hard as you make it. If you wish you can make it play to you. YOU are the magician and no one else, for you.

You just ought to be here to help me eat cake. I eated, and ated and stuffed at noon until I just couldn't stuff any longer. Had an angelfood and caramel and lemon, all just as pretty and good as mother ever made. I brought Dan and the boys a taste. Wish you were here to receive your share, however, I will eat it for you. I shall eat three slices of each for you, over and above my share. See?

Oh boy dear, I thought I was going to get rid of Mellie yesterday, and I had one night of perfect bliss, but I was informed that she was much better and after a few days would be able to resume her position. Woe, Woe, unto me. It doth seem that she is my sorest affliction. However, the Lord is good and he will not permit his servant to suffer long. The Lord, He, will take her away and place someone else with me whom I may twine around my little finger. My hopes are ever with me and whats the saying about He that is hopeful shall receive, etc. etc.....

Write me three times a week and I will be satisfied. I do not ask you to write me any more than you would be able to keep up. I am going to write you just as often as I please. only, you must get after me if I lag a little. Though, I don't think I shall. I never did like to write to anyone before, but I really don't mind writing to you. I guess it is because

I can just simply write to you just what I feel and do not have to be formal in the least. I can just tell you how I feel about anything and I know that you will understand and others never do understand me like you did.

Some people ask me if you permit me to write to you on the typewriter. I tell them that You do and are glad to get any kind of a letter from me. I don't tell them that I write some in shorthand though. You see, if I had to write by ~~xxxxx~~ longhand with a pen and ink I never would be able to tell you as much ~~as~~ I can on the typewriter. You don't mind it, do you dear? The words just simply flow off the ends of my fingers this way. I don't mind you writing me on the typewriter. You see I am glad to get anything from my BUSY boy.

Guess you think yourself mighty important, going up there and making such a fuss. Never you mind, though. Two heads are better than one, and if one head can make a fuss, What will two heads make. Some more fuss, eh? If they don't they sure will make something.

I will read the papers and then give them to your mother as you said and tell her to file them away when she has finished with them.

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Houston, Texas, Sept. 30th.

My own dear baby boy:

Well, it is very late for me tonight. It is ten minutes after six and it is beginning to get dark. and mud, MUD! I cant properly express myself. Suffice to say that it is MUDDY and then some. Mud is all I have seen for the past week, except rain. and RAIN.

The strike came off today at the shops and daddy was already at home on a lay'off or sixk leave (?) He did not want to be there when they struck, so he laid off. I hope he will try to get something else to do and if he does, I will be glad of the strike for our sakes.

Say, did I ever tell you that Laura Clifton was married, She married a Mr. Dennis or somebody or other. He is a right nice looking fellow and looks a lot younger than she does, but you see she is no spring chicken.

I have had things all to myself for the last day or two and I tell you things have been coming my way, that is I mean all the work. That is the reason I am working so late tonight. ????'... oooo#####%&'() - That cant express my feelings, She is coming back monday and then I wish I could have a fist fight.

"The inner side of every cloud is ever bright and shining, I therefore turn my clouds about, and always wear them inside out, to show the silver lining."

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